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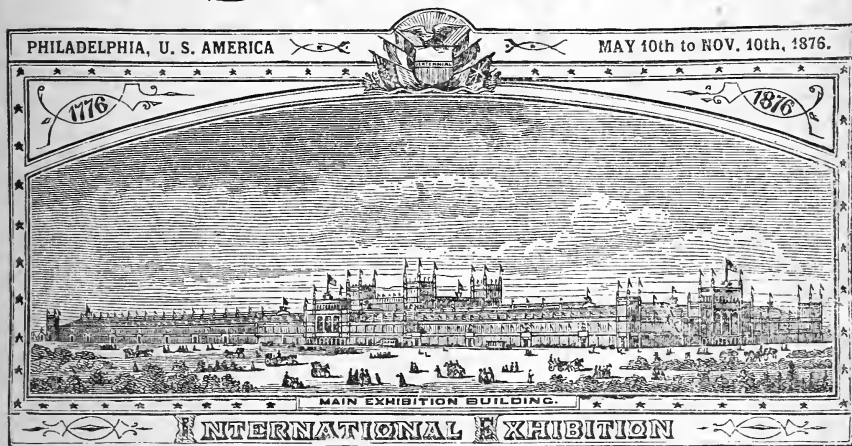
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# An Acrostic Centennial POEM



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AND TO

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America! synonym of Liberty

To all mankind!

Millions hast thou welcomed

From 'mongst the oppressed of all nations.

Everlasting thy foundation—upward—

Onward—all thy aims;

Rivers—mountains—plains—all blessed

With a grandeur that thrills the mind.

In thy boundless domain—peopled

By scions of all the nations,

Coming from the ends of all the earth,

Thy protection to claim.

“All hail” to thee, sweet home of Liberty,—

Land of Washington!

Sublime in thy magnitude—

By patriotic valor won.

We greet thee, land of the free,

And home of the brave!

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Centennial! the acme of ripe old age—

By trial purified,

Eventful space! since our grandsires declared—

“We must and shall be free!”

Nevermore to sovereign—earthly lords—

Abject obedience yield;

To accomplish this gigantic task—

By threats unterrified,

Ennobling by their sacrifice—

Their blood purchased victory,

Naught honorable was left undone—

That could add lustre to our shield;

No cravens have their children proved---

When by enemies defied,

In their thrice threatened—thrice won—

(By God assisted) Liberty.

All praise to America's noble sons,

Who have proved their nation's shield,

Leaving all on earth most dear—

Their lives a sacrifice to yield.



Celebration of our nation's

Hundreth year of Liberty !

Emancipation of our sires !—

By that glorious declaration ;

Lift up your gladsome voices,

In honor of our natal day ;

Exhibit to the world the proof

Of our freedom and prosperity !

Bring your products of art and nature

In friendly emulation !

Rise up in your manhood !

To a glorious peace pave the way !

All men as brothers greet,

On our fatherland's baptismal day !

Thus let the dead past bury its dead !

Onward ! there are yet more battles to be won.

Inspire—ye mentors of the press—

To deeds of abnegation !

On this day of Jubilee,—

Named by America's chosen sons,

None yet born again to greet the world

With this salutation :

“ All hail ” America's Centennial Celebration.